

Philada - 12 mo. 10th. 1839

My dear Maria

Thy kind letter of 17th. Oct. and "5th. Nov."

were duly received, with their accompaniments - the "Liberty Bell" and "North Star", with which we were much interested.

I sent the two copies as directed. Sarah M. Douglass desired me to make her acknowledgments to thee for thy kindness in numbering her, - and to say that she should appreciate such a gift from thee, even though it had not contained W. L. Garrison's and L. M. Child's essays. Margaretta Forten too, asked me to thank thee on their behalf.

My copy has been kept in circulation. It contains some excellent pieces. W. L. G.'s I was particularly pleased with.

The "North Star" too shed its appropriate light for the occasion. How brilliant is its prototype just now, in its early rising! - Do you see it sometimes? - The Managers of our Fair had fixed on that name for their book before they heard of your paper, and it was too late to alter it; - so we must bear the character of copyists. I hoped ours would be out in time to send thee one, before it is offered here. Thy repeated kindnesses to me in this way, call for more than the mere expression of thanks - they are highly valued, I assure thee - Our Anna M. Hopper is hoping, the box of treasures so thoughtfully contributed by thee to their sale, will be forthcoming.

Now my dear Maria, what shall I say as to the main subject of thy letter? I am so at a loss that I have delayed from day to day, to make the attempt. Not that



I would conceal from any, my disapprobation of the proceedings of the new organisation, from the beginning - the plans and manœuvres of the Ex. Com. in New York, &c. &c. - But if I spoke out my whole heart, it would be, in pleading with my dear friends of the other side, not to be moved by these things, nor suffer themselves to be driven from the ground of Non-Resistance. I judge you not, as having acted improperly, in your defence against the high-handed measures of your opponents, - indeed I rather regard you as laboring for the whole; - and that whatever security we may enjoy from similar encroachments, we are in great measure indebted to your quick-sighted discovery and prompt exposure of. Still, the local dissensions and the detail of divisions in your meetings and societies, I have not been willing should be told "in Gath"; and have therefore wished with L. M. Child, that "our dear and much-respected friend Garrison would record them more sparingly in his paper". The painful undurable occurrences in your Female Socy., altho painfully interesting, I would much have preferred, not to gratify the enemy with the recital of.

I have felt little inclination to read the "Mass Abolitionist", and have not seen any save the 1st. No.

C. C. Burleigh mentioned the perverted use, made of my remarks, but I had not seen the article till thou sent it to me.

It is so entirely out of my line to write for publication, that I must be excused from making the attempt; - but I should be glad for E. Wright to know that the turn he gave to my "explanation" in the Non-Resistance Meeting - viz. an admission of the right to be



intolérant, - was just the opposite of what was intended by me in the remarks made. It reminded me of the comment of the Edinburgh Reviewers, on Stuart's complaint of Channing's want of Charity in their their controversy. After a full recognition of the right of opinion, they say, "but who ever heard of tolerating intolerance?"

When we declare the self-evident truth of man's inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness, we certainly do not confer or acknowledge the right to injure <sup>we</sup> his neighbor. Nor ought <sup>we</sup> to presuppose man's better nature so corrupted, & his judgment and inclination so distorted, that his happiness shall consist in so doing. Should any prove themselves so regardless of the rights of their neighbors, as to claim the authority of the text for the liberty of trampling upon him, they must be met with a suitable remonstrance, and restored to a sound mind and pure heart, by applying correct reasoning and all the remedies which the Gospel furnishes. Now these you have abundantly within your reach in Boston and need not my public aid.

Thou art at perfect liberty however to make such use of this attempt to explain myself, as in thy judgment may be best.

As to my closing remarks in the Non-Resistance Mr., I would willingly furnish them could I call them to mind. I made the attempt soon after the meeting, but succeeded so poorly, that it was like "the manna of yesterday" - & I gave it up.

Adin Ballou's excellent speech is a treasure. Have you the Non-Resistant from the beginning?



Loretta Mott

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I requested B. P. Jones to procure me all the numbers, as I had disposed of mine, & he promised to write for them. I was much pleased with the article on Phonology in the Liberator. I expected to see Combs the hope that he would meet with their and our friends W. L. G. while in Boston. Will you & him have that occasion - & write me that he has conversed with Pierpont on Colonization & now understands our views better than he did.

other, whom not having seen I love to  
the kind regard of thy Henry P. was most  
did not fully write in our Non-Resistance  
I heard to read the printed by our  
carefully & I hope in his article  
June 1882 for the Non-Resistance  
cause - should be to have some tract

The account of your Fair was indeed cheering. Also the fact that the colored people are not entirely discouraged in view of the dissensions among us. Let all the notice be taken of them in the Liberator that you can. I doubt there being any effort made to apply the proceeds of our Fair to the use of the N. E. Ex. Com. - nor do I think J. C. W. would recommend it. I think they are learning by the things they have suffered. How heartily can I respond the wish that we may of some meeting. My visit to you is a source of unmingled pleasure. The acquaintance with dear Edmund Quincy